(b) *Rice*: The allocations of rice to the various States/Union Territories including Kerala have been rationalised, keeping in view various factors such as the overall availability of stocks in the Central pool, relative needs of various States, availability in the open market, trends in offtake etc.

Palmolein: The allocations of imported edible oils to State Governments/Union Territories under PDS is adjusted according to availability and prices of edible oils in the open market.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It has not been found possible to increase these allocations.

Conducting of LTC Tours by I.T.D.C.

3348. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ITDC has been conducting LTC Tours for sometime on commission basis in cooperation with private travel agencies which are mostly unapproved, unregistered and contrary to the guidelines issued by Government for this purpose;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the terms of running such LTC tours during 1986-87 by ITDC from its different stations throughout the country;

(c) the details of the stations from where the LTC Tours were organised by ITDC alongwith the buses hired by ITDC from the different Transport Agencies and *vice-versa* throughout the country together with the reasons for not conducting the LTC tours from Delhi where most of the Government offices are located; and

(d) whether any complaint was received about the fraudulent LTC Tours under the present arrangements, if so, what are the details thereof and the steps taken to check such irregularities and fixing up the responsibility on the erring officials, and the action taken, if any, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) ITDC has been conducting LTC tours. In the event of non-availability of their own coaches, the same were hired by them from other transport operators with registered vehicles on ITDC tariff minus the Commission. During 1986-87 nearly 250 conducted tours were operated from Calcutta, Varanasi, Agra, Patna, Jaipur, Gwalior, Bombay, Bangalore and Delhi. ITDC did not give its coaches to any private operators on hire.

(d) In 1987 some complaints were received making allegations of collusion between ITDC officials and private tour operators at Agra for conducting fradulent tours. The matter was investigated by the Vigilance Division of the Corporation. For making detailed investigations, the matter has been referred to the CBI and some of the officials have been transferred.

Corruption Comes against ITDC Officials

3349. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pertaining to ITDC officials having instances of corruption, inefficiency, mis-use of official position, nepotism, favouritism, red-tapism etc. which have been brought to the notice of Government/Management of ITDC by Members of Parliament/Trade Unions during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period upto December, 1987; and

(b) the number of cases referred to CBI and also those dealt with by ITDC internally during the above period with brief summary of those cases where complaints/reports have been found without much substance/false and also those where action have been taken against the defaulting officials as on 31st December, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) 22 complaints made by the Members of